GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5692
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COMPENSATION FOR MISHAP IN LAUNCH OF SATELLITE
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the possible effects of any mishap involving the various satellites in space;

(b) whether any provision for compensation/insurance to the affected persons/institutions is made for in Treaties regarding space; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) `Convention on International Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects`which was evolved by the United Nations, was signed by 107 countries including India. This convention stipulates the terms of liability of a launching State to pay compensation for damages caused by its Space object on the surface of earth or to aircraft flight, or to another space object in Space.